

## Sustainability Initiative – Leaf it

We want to encourage people to mulch their leaves to lessen the need for leaf collection and embrace the benefits of mulching in one’s yard. We can also use this as an opportunity to collect data from our residents when it comes to sustainability.

Shredding leaves in a lawn mower or mulcher allows the leaves to fall between blades of grass, preventing weeds from germinating. In addition, smaller leaves have greater surface area, which allows worms and microorganisms to break down leaves faster and return nutrients to soil. The loose leaf pieces can blanket exposed soil and provide excellent insulation for delicate plants and insects over the winter.

Optional yard sign for those who want to join the Sustainability Initiative.

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# LEAF IT

**Improve soil and plant quality**  
**Prevent weed growth**  
**Insulate soil**  
**Reduce leaf pick-up carbon emissions**

## I MULCH MY LEAVES

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or learn more?  
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